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LETTER OF 14 FEBRUARY 1946 FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU
OF INVESTIGATION TO ASS'T. CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, U. S. ARMY

John Edgar Hoover

Director

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Vandenberg:

I am returning herewith the documents which you left with me
on Tuesday afternoon.

I have carefully reviewed the same, and while it is noted that
the agreement bears no date, it is obviously designed as a wartime
agreement, and I assume will need to be extended if it is to operate
in peacetime. Its extension will no doubt include certain modifications
and revisions in order to apply to peacetime operations.

This Bureau does have an intense interest in "Communication
Intelligence" in connection with the discharge of its responsibilities
in intelligence matters, both domestic and foreign, in the Western
Hemisphere. It has been demonstrated that the intelligence obtained

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vitally affect our responsibilities in internal security fields and in
our foreign intelligence operations. As I outlined to you in our oral
discussion, there have been quite a few instances in which this Bureau
has been materially handicapped by reason of not having been supplied
with information that has been in the possession of the armed services.
This Bureau has not to date been on the distribution list of the "ultra"
secret traffic, and has consequently not had the benefit of the in-
formation obtained. Such information would have been of inestimable
value to the proper functioning of this Bureau.

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If the agreement set forth in the document which you left with me is continued, it does seem most desirable that the Federal Bureau of Investigation should be represented on the United States Board in view of our vital interests in the traffic with which it deals. The mere placing of the Bureau on the distribution list at this time would not adequately solve the problem. I consequently very strongly urge that a representative of this Bureau be named as a member of the United States Communication Intelligence Board.

It would seem, therefore, that any agreement which might be contemplated should certainly include on STANCIB, the United States Communication Intelligence Board, representatives of the Central Intelligence Group; State, War, and Navy Departments, and the FBI. I believe that only by this Bureau being a member of the Board can we insure that information of value and importance to the Bureau's responsibilities in internal security and in the Western Hemisphere intelligence will be furnished to the Bureau from the results of the decoding of messages and other sources. There are so many ramifications involved, both domestic and foreign, that I think such an arrangement as I have suggested would insure against any so-called "blind spot" developing. I can only assure you that any participation as I have suggested by this Bureau in the project proposed would be safeguarded with all necessary measures to insure the desirable security that must attach to such participation.

I do want to thank you so much for your understanding interest in the problem.

With expressions of my very best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

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